

### REMARKS


Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. All of these claims were allowed with the exception of claims 14 and 15 that were the subject of a restriction requirement.

5 Applicants have canceled claims 14 and 15, without prejudice, from the application and believe that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1-13 and 16-17.

### CONCLUSION

10 Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the cancellation of claims, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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